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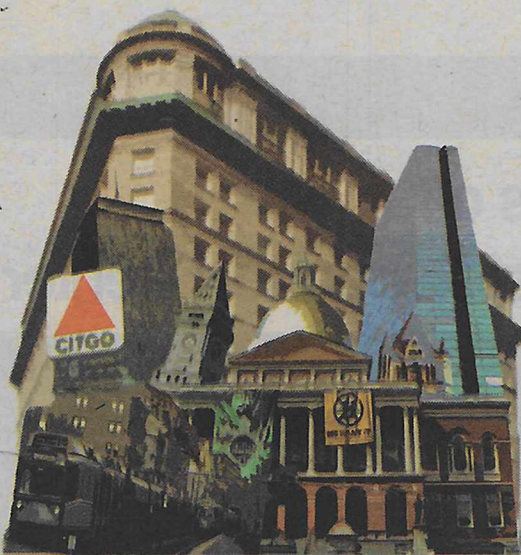
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Graduating Lady Rams basketball player **Jessica Bard** reflects on her passion on and off the court pg. 16



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Students' trust in elevators needs a lift

Haley Peabody
Journal Staff

"I don't trust that elevator," said a student on the sixth floor of Fenton last Monday while leaving class. One of the elevators had been stuck wide open, its alarm sounding, disturbing both students and faculty. This is just one elevator related incident that has plagued the campus throughout the past few weeks.

After two entrapment incidents in both Modern Theatre and Miller Residence Halls, as well as out of service elevators, it is not surprising to students that elevators across campus can be unreliable. However, this uncertainty has raised an important question amongst students: are the elevators on campus really safe?

Jim Wallace, the director of facilities and maintenance at Suffolk, said, "no elevator on campus is unsafe."

On March 3, two students alleged they became temporarily stuck in an elevator in Miller Hall. Misa Tran and Carla McDonough were in an elevator that started shaking, stopped going to the floor they requested, and became temporarily stuck, Tran told a Suffolk Journal reporter. The two pressed the alarm button and were able to get out of the

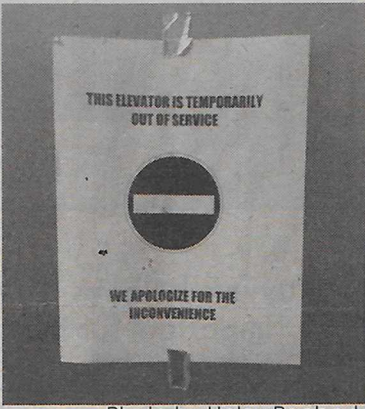


Photo by Haley Peabody

A sign hung in the Modern Theatre dorm when an elevator was broken Feb. 26

elevator, Tran said.

On Feb. 26, the same reporter saw a student enter an elevator in the Modern Theatre residence hall at about 11:30 p.m. Shortly after, the reporter could hear the female student yelling for help as the elevator was stuck between floor four M and floor four. An hour later, the student was still stuck in the elevator. Two Suffolk University Police Department officers and a member of the maintenance staff were working on the issue. Shortly later, the student was freed from the elevator.

A contract between Suffolk University and one of its elevator companies

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Suffolk's debt cushioned by assets; McCarthy stresses efficiency

Will Senar
Journal Staff

In an exclusive interview with *The Suffolk Journal* following two town hall meetings with faculty, Suffolk University President James McCarthy pushed plans to streamline the university physically and bolster its educational efficiency.

The main message McCarthy stressed is driving to be a more effective school not just in the ways students are taught, but also by the better use of the university's physical space. Further, he wants the school to provide more public service.

"There are a lot of changes going on [at] Suffolk and as we're planning the budget for next year, we're going to be making a lot of decisions that will have a substantial impact on the university," said McCarthy. "We are moving quickly so I wanted to make sure everybody was aware of that."

The president wants the university to achieve savings - especially because every dollar saved means a reduction in tuition, he said. He does express that being in the middle of a thriving city like Boston is a challenge, but the cost of having a campus on



Photo courtesy of Suffolk University

McCarthy hopes to consolidate space with 20 Somerset

Beacon Hill and the addition of the 20 Somerset building will allow the university to create a more efficient space for its classrooms and students.

"Imagine if every classroom seat from Fenton, Archer and Donahue will be in 20

Somerset. There will be an incredibly efficient use of space there because it is a much more efficient building," said McCarthy. "Our goal is to have less space. Less space, but

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Alternative Spring Break trips a hit among students



Photo courtesy of Tyler Burke

To left:
ASB in
Newland,
N.C.

To right:
ASB in
Denver,
Colo.



Photo courtesy of Thay Thao

POLICE BLOTTER

Sunday, March 23

3:28 p.m.

73 Tremont St.

Simple assault. Judicial internal.

Friday, March 21

11:48 a.m.

150 Tremont

Liquor law violation - possession of alcohol by a minor. Judicial internal.

NEWS BRIEFS

MassGOP endorses Baker for upcoming election

Charlie Baker will be the only Republican Party candidate appearing on the ballot for this year's election to replace Governor Deval Patrick, according to a statement from the Massachusetts GOP. During a convention at the Boston University Agganis Arena, the state GOP endorsed Baker for governor with more than 82 percent of the votes. Mark Fisher only received 14.765 percent of the votes at the convention, leaving his name off the ballot, the statement said. Fifteen percent is needed to be a candidate. "The convention's overwhelming endorsement of Charlie Baker as our candidate for governor is a signal to all Massachusetts voters that we are putting forth an accomplished leader who can solve the many problems faced by our Commonwealth and make Massachusetts great," said MassGOP Chairman Kristen Hughes in the statement.

Amendment to Boston Rental Housing Inspection Ordinance announced by Mayor Walsh

Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced in Mattapan Saturday a new amendment to the city's Rental Housing Inspection Ordinance that will help ensure residents have a healthy living space, officials said. Inspections directed by the Inspectional Services Department will focus this year on landlords who have a record of violations, according to a statement from Walsh's office. "Boston has some of the oldest housing stock in the country, and too often we only find out about serious health and safety issues through tenant complaints or after a tragedy has struck," Walsh said in the statement. "Proactive inspections that will begin this spring will allow the city to correct housing problems sooner and connect landlords with services and programs that will help them repair their units quickly and at lower cost ... this amendment strikes a balance with those concerns and addressing the real safety issues we see in neglected rental properties." Currently, there are more than 108,000 registered units in the city with more than 16,000 different landlords, the statement said. This ordinance will help to ensure the correction of health issues in housing conditions including mold and pest infestations, the statement said.

Juliette Kayyem closes off gubernatorial debates at Rappaport Center

Sam Humphrey
Asst. News Editor

"I believe government can do good ... but it can always do better too," said Juliette Kayyem, a Democrat and the final candidate in the 2014 race for Massachusetts Governor to speak at the Rappaport Center's roundtable series.

Kayyem has had a long career, notably as a homeland security expert in President Barack Obama's and Governor Deval Patrick's administrations. Kayyem was also formerly a columnist with *The Boston Globe*. She reassured the audience that despite her career in homeland security, she has "a strong progressive bent."

Kayyem called herself "the only candidate with strong ties to the military."

As Undersecretary for Homeland Security, she oversaw the Massachusetts National Guard's headquarter relocation to Hanscom Air Force base and the distribution of homeland security funds to towns across the state.

"Homeland security is about risk reduction," Kayyem said. Accordingly, Kayyem directed towns to spend their homeland security funds on preparedness rather than purchasing guns and technology as they were originally planned for.

As governor, Kayyem said she would invest in what she called Massachusetts' most important assets, its people and its infrastructure.

"Massachusetts is not ready for the global economy that we should be thriving in," Kayyem said of the state's infrastructure. She plans to improve roads and ports - she said she "is obsessed with ports" - and would like to see greater broadband coverage across the state.

The state should also improve its transportation systems so that people can find cheap housing and still have access to jobs and cities, she said, noting that achieving this will require regional planning.

Kayyem plans on changing the state's criminal justice system to reduce recidivism, which she put at 50-60 percent. She cited the need for more prosecutorial discretion instead of mandatory minimum laws, and offering workforce retraining for inmates and family reunification programs for juveniles.

Kayyem also discussed what her website's environmental policy stance calls "The Opportunity of Climate Change."

"I'm the first candidate to propose opening a green bank in Massachusetts," Kayyem



Photo courtesy of Suffolk University

Kayyem believes decriminalizing marijuana is important for the criminal justice system

said, noting that New York and Connecticut are already pursuing such institutions to draw investment from green-energy companies. She said Massachusetts' "next environmental challenge is [building systems] for the storage and transmission of renewables on the grid."

Relative to other candidates at the roundtable event, Kayyem spent little time discussing healthcare policy issues. She called for greater transparency and communication in healthcare, and noted that getting people to be healthier would reduce healthcare costs.

She also called for more

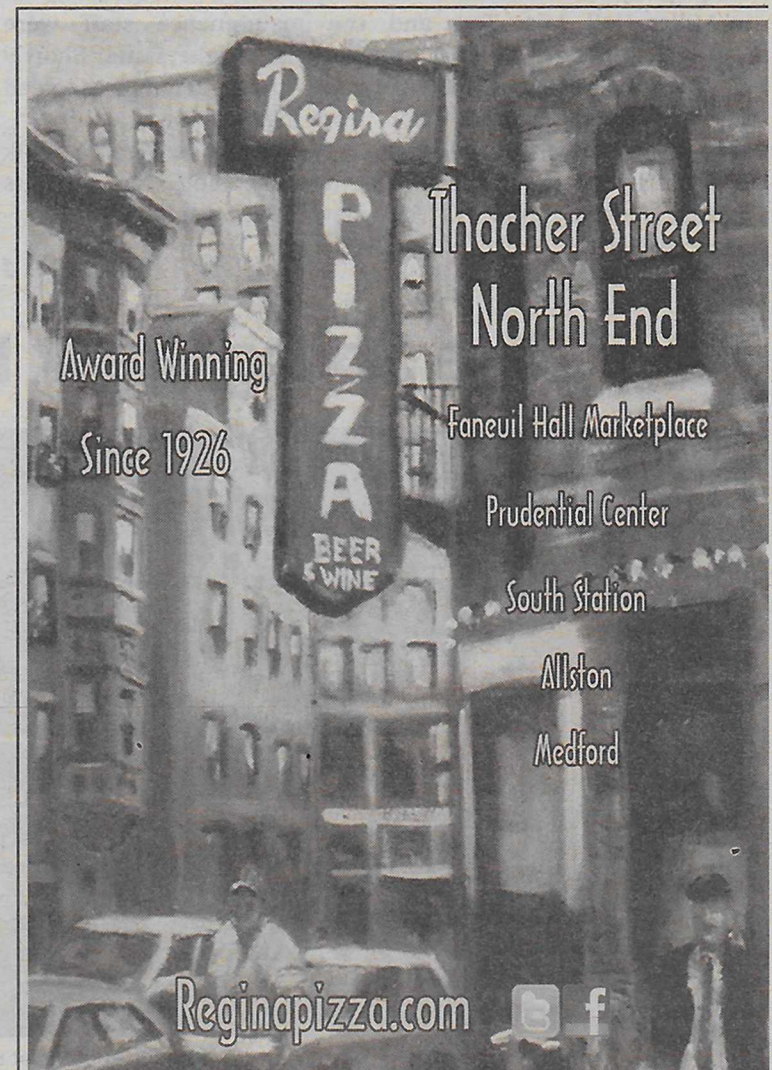
gun control, saying that she supported a rule allowing people to only purchase one firearm per month.

Kayyem said there was a large need for childcare in Massachusetts, going so far as to say "child care is the feminist issue of our time."

Before Suffolk's spring recess, independent candidates Jeff McCormick and Evan Falchuk and Tea Party-backed Republican Mark Fisher each appeared at roundtable events.

The Democratic primary election will be held on Sept. 9, followed by the general election on Nov. 4.

Charlie Baker was nominated by the MassGOP.



Spring break means service for select students

Halley Peabody
Journal Staff

While some students travelled home to their friends and families for a week of no classes and ample relaxation, a group of 100 students scattered themselves across the country for a week of community building known as Alternative Spring Break.

ASB is a service-learning trip that combines both team building activities and a social justice curriculum with a weeklong community service project that connects colleges to several different organizations. Each of the 10 groups has 10 students, two student leaders, and two non-student facilitators. This year, Suffolk sent groups across the country to places including Colorado, North Carolina, Philadelphia, and Virginia.

ASB student Caitlyn Mockler referred to her trip to Virginia as, "the best decision I have made so far at Suffolk."

Mockler was a member of one of two groups that worked with environmental organizations, performing activities such as planting trees in communities. During the break, her team was able to plant more than 100 trees and remove invasive plant species, she said.

Aubrey Bryan, a co-leader for the ASB trip to Philadelphia, was able to work with the



Photo courtesy of Caitlyn Mockler

ASB trips spread across the U.S. and Puerto Rico to build homes, plant trees, support the LGBTQ community, and more

LGBTQ community during her trip.

"A large part of people without health insurance are part of the gay community," said Bryan. The team members got tested for HIV during their trip.

"You still have those 15 minutes of 'what if it's positive,'" Bryan said. The team also worked at the Philadelphia Free Library during its trip as it has the world's second biggest collection of gay and lesbian literature.

ASB is open to all students, requiring each individual to pay \$125 for the entire trip. The remainder of the needed funds is acquired through fundraisers run through the S.O.U.L.S. office as well as

outside donations. Suffolk provides students with a six-dollar budget per day for food and groups seek out the generosity of local churches and community centers in the towns and cities they travel to for living space for the week. After a carefully screened application and interview process, 100 students were invited to embark on this incredible experience.

Along with having two group leaders for each of the ten groups, there is also a singular student position known as the ASB scholar. The scholar works with group leaders and facilitators from the beginning of the academic year in the fall through the time of the trip in March.

Responsibilities of this position include recruiting participants and leaders, arranging transportation for each trip, assisting in fundraising, leading training, and more. This year's ASB scholar was senior Thay Thao who also co-lead one of the five Habitat for Humanity ASB groups in Denver, Colo. For him, one of the most memorable aspects of this trip was the energy and bond that his group shared.

"When we started, we were all strangers that had a common goal," Thao said. "Throughout our travels, meals together and laughs shared, we became a really close group of people."

During Thao's trip, the group built houses on site and

were able to meet the family they were building for, he said. The group had the honor of giving the family's two young children a tour of their work site.

Another co-leader, Tyler Burke, spent his ASB in Newland, N.C., also working with Habitat for Humanity. He summed up his third and final experience with ASB by saying, "North Carolina changed me more than I could've ever changed it."

Burke stressed both the resonating emotional experience of the trip as well as several misconceptions regarding Habitat for Humanity. The home that his group built was for a single mother and her daughter whom they worked beside throughout the week. He stressed that Habitat for Humanity is a "hand up not a hand out" for people in need. Those who receive homes from Habitat are required to contribute 200 "sweat hours" or hours laboring on the site of their future home. As someone who has been on several ASB trips, he also commented on the strong relationships that Suffolk has formed with the communities it frequents.

"You and your group are the only thing they know about Suffolk. When they walk away with their thought of Suffolk, they think of you. You have the power to change people's minds," said Burke.

Pristine forensics team wins northeast regional conference

Thalia Yunen
Asst. News Editor

About once every week, the forensics, or speech and debate, team meet to discuss topics and practice speaking styles. Last August, it started the year off with all new members, except for maybe one or two returning students, and a new team leader, communications Professor Jodi Nevola. This pristine team went on to win the northeast regional championship, competing against schools like St. Anselm College, Bridgewater State University, Emerson, Lafayette College and Suffolk County Community College during its season.

"We were all new last semester, and we had to go over everything. Professor Nevola allowed us to pick our speaking styles," said broadcast journalism major Siobhan Sullivan. These styles can range from persuasion and informative speeches, to after dinner speaking (ADS) and

impromptu. They can prepare all semester, or in a matter of minutes, depending on the speaking style.

"As the coach, I try to help each student understand what each of our 11 different events are like. It is up to the individual competitor to decide what events they will compete in," Nevola said. "Then, together, we hone their skills to become as tournament ready as possible."

Evidently, the forensics team can be beneficial for students across all majors, and it has a healthy number of broadcast journalism majors.

Broadcast journalism major Jared Doherty said being a part of the forensics team reflects his lifelong relationship with speech.

"In high school, I was told that I was a great speaker. I would usually get good grades on my speeches," he said. Doherty said his college speech class was challenging, but he has since been able to improve his speech by way of his speaking style: impromptu speaking. He likes to incorporate humor

and interweave real life, handy examples, or "stock ideas" to help with the limited preparation allowed in the impromptu speaking style. On the topic of nervousness, he advises students to practice out loud, and visualize what they are going to say.

"It sounds cliché, but preparation really is key to giving a good speech," Doherty said. Likewise, Sullivan encourages memorizing what needs to be said and preparation through research.

The forensics team has been at Suffolk for almost six decades and has served as a tool for undergraduate students to sharpen their speech skills, travel and network with other students and professionals. The team has traveled to Washington D.C. and New Orleans in the past, and, depending on the semester, students are able to earn up to one credit for participating.

"For next year, I want to continue to help each member of the team fulfill their individual educational goals. Additionally, I want to continue



Photo courtesy of Suffolk University

The forensic team poses with all of its trophies from the 2013 - 2014 season

to connect with local alumni of the Suffolk forensics program to come back to reconnect with each other and inspire our new members," said Nevola. She also wants to continue to travel with the team around the country, developing each members' communications skills and enhancing the forensics program.

"If you're someone who wants to get better at speaking, join us. If you're someone who takes speaking seriously, then you should join us, too," said Sullivan. Students interested in joining should contact Nevola, or join in the beginning of the fall semester.

Forbes editor entertains at Suffolk

Sam Humphrey
Asst. News Editor

John Tamny, political economy editor of Forbes and Editor of RealClearMarkets, discussed how government actions caused the Great Depression and the Great Recession March 20 in a lecture sponsored by Suffolk's economics department and the Beacon Hill Institute.

Tamny led the audience through the history of government intervention from the events leading up to the Great Depression to the impact Obamacare could have on the 2013 presidential elections.

"America is suffering from government barriers to economic growth," Tamny said, citing taxes, regulation, and a weak dollar.

"Taxes are nothing more than a price," Tamny said, adding that taxes on work and capital gains were "penalties."

Regarding regulations, Tamny pointed out that despite the heavy regulation of the banking industry, it still collapsed in 2008. He also noted that unstable currencies lead to slow and unstable economies.

To prove this, Tamny explained that the Depression of 1920, though severe, was short because the "government got out of the way ... President Woodrow Wilson slashed spending, and the dollar stayed relatively stable.

"Recessions are beautiful," Tamny said, because "they cleanse the market of bad firms and investments."

President Herbert Hoover,

who started his term in 1929, reversed this course, Tamny explained, doubling spending and raising taxes. Upon his election, President Franklin Roosevelt "doubled down" on Hoover's increases in order to stimulate the economy.

"Government spending is an economic retardant, because the government doesn't know how to allocate capital," Tamny said.

FDR's New Deal exacerbated the economy, he said, adding that it funded inefficient projects.

He noted that the economy

the 2008 financial crisis.

"If George W. Bush had never bailed out Bear Stearns, there would never have been a financial crisis," Tamny said. Government intervention, like the stimulus, also contributed to the crisis, he said.

Tamny also criticized the 2012 tax increase under Obama as unhelpful to the recovering economy.

Despite the recent recession and slow recovery, Tamny said he is "bullish on U.S. economic growth," citing four important reasons.

First, Ben Bernanke, whom

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**-John Tamny,
political editor of Forbes**

began to grow again in 1938, the year the New Deal ended, contrary to the common perception that "WWII saved the economy."

Tamny also said the "number one way to crash an economy is to raise taxes on imports," adding that barriers to free trade subsidize weakness in domestic firms. Tamny noted that China's economic rise was "one of the best things to happen to the U.S., because [China's] cheap labor allowed" firms to make cheap products.

Tamny also criticized the Bush and Obama administrations' response to

Tamny believes did much harm as head of the Federal Reserve, was replaced by Janet Yellen in February.

Second, "Obama can't pass any more major legislation," Tamny said, primarily due to problems with Obamacare and its unpopularity (his third reason), as well as Congressional gridlock.

Lastly, Tamny said that the economic crisis woke the U.S. up to the problems of big government and intervention. He said that Americans' skepticism in big government will lead them to vote for a "better president" than Bush or Obama.

Students stuck in "reliable" elevators

DELTA BECKWITH
ELEVATOR COMPANY

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says that a maintenance representative must respond to an entrapment within an hour. Although unfortunate the student was stuck, the company responded within the time agreed upon in its contract.

The university works with several different elevator companies but the one that is the most prominent on campus is Delta Beckwith, a company that has been servicing elevators in the Boston area since 1889. According to Wallace, the company was chosen not only for its history but its ability to meet the needs of the university and its pricing.

Delta Beckwith currently services 51 elevators on campus and is entering its fifth year in contract with Suffolk. Although its presence on campus may often go unnoticed, it makes up an important part of the maintenance staff. Maintenance representatives from Delta Beckwith perform inspections of the elevators on a bi-weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, and annual basis, evaluating and maintaining each elevator, according to Jim Cummings, the general manager of Delta Beckwith.

In regards to elevator inspection permits, although the majority of the permits on display in the elevators say they are expired, Cummings said all of the elevators on campus are in compliance with state regulations and the permits have been paid within

the allotted time. But, the state is notorious for falling behind on issuing permits, which should be issued soon, Cummings said.

As to the repairs that are needed in around campus, the problem elevator in Miller Hall that temporarily trapped Tran and McDonough should be repaired by Wednesday, March 26, said Cummings. He also stated that the repairs took so long as a result of "a custom cable that needed to be ordered."

Cummings was not aware that the elevator from the Feb. 26 incident in the Modern Theatre was still out of service.

The out of service elevator in the Ridgeway building will be immobilized through the remainder of the semester due to the replacement of a hydraulic tank that poses particular difficulty. Plans are currently being made with Delta Beckwith to repair the out of order elevator and potentially replace and update both elevators. These repairs are expected to take three to five days, and are therefore planned for this summer.

As well as keeping its current elevators up and running, the facilities department also has plans to make updates and improvements. Wallace said that plans to remodel elevators in the Sawyer building are still in progress but will be pushed to the summer of 2015 due to other repairs and updates scheduled in the building this summer.

New sciences committee in McCarthy's plans

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better space. More efficient space."

One of the issues discussed in McCarthy's interview was the university's debt. Suffolk is in around \$300 million of debt from real estate and other expenses. McCarthy stated that although Suffolk does have debt, people often ignore the fact that Suffolk does have more than twice as many assets than debt.

McCarthy discussed his plans for the next few years, calling them "action steps." These steps include the benefits of hybrid courses, to developing a more integrated science program, and even different advertising opportunities for the university.

Although there are no current plans to create more hybrid courses, the president said that some research has been done to gauge how

effective the courses are as opposed to the traditional classroom environment. The research shows that there was no tremendous difference between the effectiveness of the two class types, according to McCarthy.

The president mentioned that there would be a Life Sciences Advisory Committee at Suffolk in an effort to improve the sciences with the addition of 20 Somerset. A group of hospital chief financial officers, researchers, and other people involved in the field of science would be involved with Mary Pat Wohlford, associate vice provost and director of research and sponsored projects of the science committee, to construct ideas to increase internship opportunities, get mentors, sources of aid, jobs in life sciences, modify current

curriculum and develop new programs to meet the needs of the job market.

Suffolk has been praised for having included sciences in most majors and this has proven to be beneficial especially for students in the business and law school, McCarthy said. McCarthy also

to create edgy advertisements and to recreate the Suffolk brand, as previously reported by *The Suffolk Journal*. McCarthy wants to broaden Suffolk's reach and brand awareness, to put the university on more consideration lists and increase the school's yield rate. McCarthy also mentioned

"Our goal is to have less space. Less space, but better space."

- President McCarthy

said that a bachelor's degree in the sciences is one of the most important requirements in the job market.

During one of the faculty town hall meetings, McCarthy informed the audience that Suffolk has formed a partnership with Devito/Verdi

that the university can use its own website and even paid social media like Twitter for advertisements.

The university has also been working with Scannell & Kurtz Inc. for admission tagging purposes, he said. The group is set to analyze data

to gauge which prospective students are more likely to enroll. McCarthy said this is important for the school so the administration can predict who to give financial aid and how to focus the university's resources.

During one of the faculty town hall meetings, McCarthy also mentioned the initiative for Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC). The president believes MOOCs should be developed by all kinds of universities and should distribute content broadly. There is a value in online content and it is often tailored to how the audience learns, he said.

McCarthy said he is optimistic the university will improve with his plan and will make Suffolk a great place to educate the youth.

Caribbean Student Network hosts 25th annual fashion show: Coming to America

Maria Baluch
Journal Staff

The 25th annual fashion show by Suffolk University's very own Caribbean Student Network took place March 22 at C. Walsh Theatre. It was a two-and-a-half-hour show from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The show featured designs by House of Nahdra, Mone't, Deviant ReBeL, Upendo Bowties, Fly Girl Couture, Africa Underived, Touch the Sky and performances by the Caribbean Dance Troupe, Jacie, Lost and Found, and Latrell James.

The audience was engaged to the show the entire time thanks to host Christine Umeh garnered laughs at every chance she got with her upbeat quirkiness.

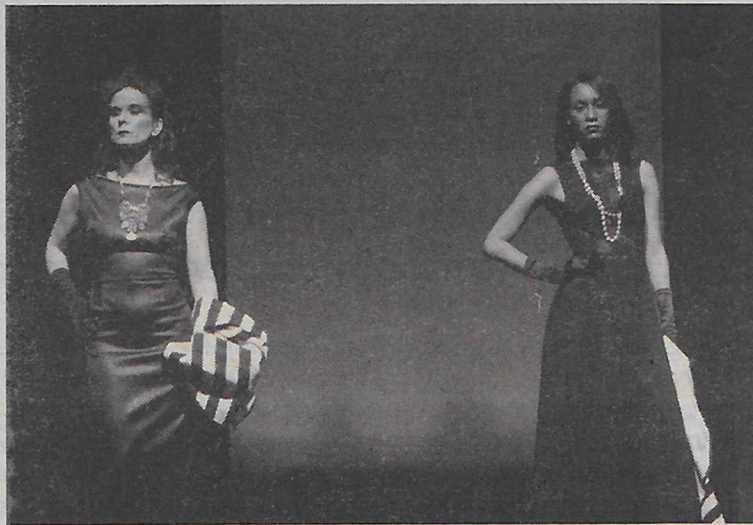
Deviant ReBeL Clothing started off the show with models strutting down the aisles next to the audience in their risqué ensemble. Designer RoBerta E. Baker-Lundy believes in dressing outside of the box and unleashing your inner "ReBeL."

Designer Mone't featured crop tops and pencil skirts in fun colors like hot pink and patterns such as black and white stripes. And for the sporty girls, there was even an outfit designed like a baseball uniform. A black and white pinstripe pencil skirt was paired with a crop top made to look like a baseball jersey with red sleeves and an attached hoodie for the ultimate sporty chic look.

The designs were then put on hold for a performance by the Caribbean Dance Troupe. The ladies swayed their hips to the beat of reggae, and the audience could not help but to cheer on as the beat picked up.

Designs from House of Nahdra were shown after. It featured traditional Ethiopian wear with baggy pants covered in abstract patterns in bright shades of orange. The frilly cutouts of the tops and dresses resembled Free People designs. The very last model strutted on the stage with a form-fitting sleeveless and backless silver metallic maxi dress with an attached hoodie, a design that stood out from the rest.

Singer Jacie Calixte, a student at Suffolk, put on a performance and while singing to her latest single, the designs of Upendo Bowties, an African bowtie brand, were shown with male models dressed in formal wear of black tuxedo pants and dress shirts. The square bowties made of African wax print fabric gave their classy outfits a touch of edge.



Photos by Daniella Marrero

Top: Designs by Deviant ReBeL Clothing
Bottom: Designs by Mone't
(See more photos on page 8)

While the sophisticated males showed off their attire, the ladies followed soon with tutus from designer Fly Girl Couture. The short and full-length tutus brightened up the stage in shades of tiffany blue, yellow, and pink paired with hoodies and cut out denim jacket.

Umeh then came on stage to ask for volunteers from the audience for a walk off competition. While three ladies made their way to Umeh, there was sudden cheering when everyone noticed a little boy wearing a tiger print orange hat coming up the side of the stairs. As he stood very seriously, Umeh bent down to ask him if he could tell everyone something about himself. Answering very quietly, he said, "I break dance, rap, and beat box." The audience went wild and needless to say, he was the winner of the competition as he strutted on the stage with his hands in his pockets and claimed his \$25 Visa gift card and Caribbean Student Network t-shirt.

Afterwards, Touch the Sky clothing presented their alternative fashions of graphic pullovers and tees, designs that

appeal to "the hardworking, deal making, self-made individuals that want to take it to the top."

Latrell James and the band Lost and Found gave the last performance. James asked the audience to chant along to his rap and so they did. Every time James said "do it" during his chorus, the same was shouted from the audience when he pointed his microphone towards the crowd.

The show ended with carnival costumes by Basic Classics Inc. that got everyone's attention. The models danced on stage wearing shimmering gold and leopard print one-piece swimsuits accessorized with beads on the cut outs and big colorful feather headpieces. It is safe to say it was pretty hard to stay seated as the models danced down the aisles to the sounds of Caribbean.

The CSN unites the Caribbean population at Suffolk and is open to students and individuals of all races. It stands by its saying "divided by water, united by culture" as it united everyone together to the Caribbean culture on an unforgettable night.

WORLD BRIEFS

Malaysia

After an announcement by Australia's prime minister, Tony Abbott, "new and credible information" on flight MH370 has been declared to have fallen in the southern Indian Ocean, according to *The Associated Press*. The news came after a 17 day and night search for the aircraft that was reported missing with no trail or clues to its location or status of its passengers. With an international effort to search via satellites, the images that led to Abbott's announcement were of two white objects in a remote part of the Indian Ocean, over 1,500 miles away from the closest land, according to the *AP*. More clues from U.S. and French satellites have come to light, and help has been sent to find more evidence in the vast ocean. The cause of the tragedy and any other facts are still under investigation.

China

The World Health Organization's latest reports has named air pollution the cause of one in eight environmental issues related deaths, *The Wire* reported. Beijing has taken the lead in the charts with the city witnessing record high periods of time of "zero-visibility," an event that has even damaged local farms. Paris, second on the list after Beijing, has gone to the extent of offering days of public transportation "free of charge in an effort to curb air pollution from traffic," according to *The Wire*. The health risk also includes indoor pollution seen mostly in poor countries or regions where families use coal and wood to cook in their homes, an activity that is harmful to young children and mothers that stay indoors for long periods of time.

Ukraine

Defense Minister Igor Tenyukh resigned after harsh criticism that Ukraine has a "hesitant reaction" to Russia's annexation of the Crimean peninsula, *The Associated Press* reported. A request at first rejected by lawmakers, Tenyukh has now officially left office and been replaced at the same time that thousands of Ukrainian troops are loading onto buses to go back to the mainland. After heavy requests from Ukrainian soldiers and family members, over 4,000 troops along with family members have been helped to evacuate Crimea, according to the *AP*.

Egypt

The interim government in Egypt has sentenced 528 citizens to death after a protest at a local police station that resulted with the death of a single police officer, *BBC* reported. International criticism has risen from organizations such as the U.N. on how the "fate of so many could be decided on the briefest of trials" and on the murder of one officer, according to *BBC*. The verdict was announced only after two sessions, of which less than half of the defendants were present, many choosing to not appear at court in an attempt to "boycott." Although the government has ruled that the decision was made after "careful study," according to *BBC*, lawyers say this is something never experienced or seen before. The final verdict is to be announced in late April.

Tensions heighten in international row over Ukraine

Pierre Bono
Journal Staff

Over the past five months, Ukrainians have suffered a tremendous amount of domestic strife and now international pressure from Russia, which recently annexed Crimea after a quick occupation. The NATO countries of Western and Central Europe were scorned by former Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich when he doubled back on a proposed agreement to further align Ukraine with NATO and Western economic and political interests.

Originating around a fundamental disagreement concerning the future of Ukraine and its geopolitical associations, tensions quickly began to escalate. Those within the country who saw closer ties to NATO and the west as favorable felt betrayed by those, predominantly in the pro-Russian government, who felt the same about strengthening ties with Vladimir Putin and Russia.

Many were caught off guard when Yanukovich abruptly changed course from his plans and the tentative agreement to move forward with deeper ties to Western Europe and NATO. However, with his close ties to the Russian government, the case may have been that Yanukovich was reaching beyond his sphere of influence, which falls directly under the umbrella of Russia, the regional big brother. "It seems as though Yanukovich played the E.U. and Russia off each other to his own downfall," said professor Roberto Dominguez of the government department.

The proposed association agreement offered Ukraine financial incentives to modernize its economic infrastructure to European standards and to "provide steps to incorporate Ukraine more earnestly into the economies of Western Europe by agreeing to standards of political cooperation, human rights, and free trade," said Dominguez. In addition, the agreement would have eased travel restrictions between Ukraine and the West, also deepening ties.

As unrest grew and the increasingly strident calls for political upheaval continued, Russia extended its own economic life-line, offering to buy €15 billion worth of debt while at the same time lowering the price of Russian gas. This gesture resolved nothing and in all likelihood served to fan the flames of discontent within a populace which was rapidly coming to grips with the reality that

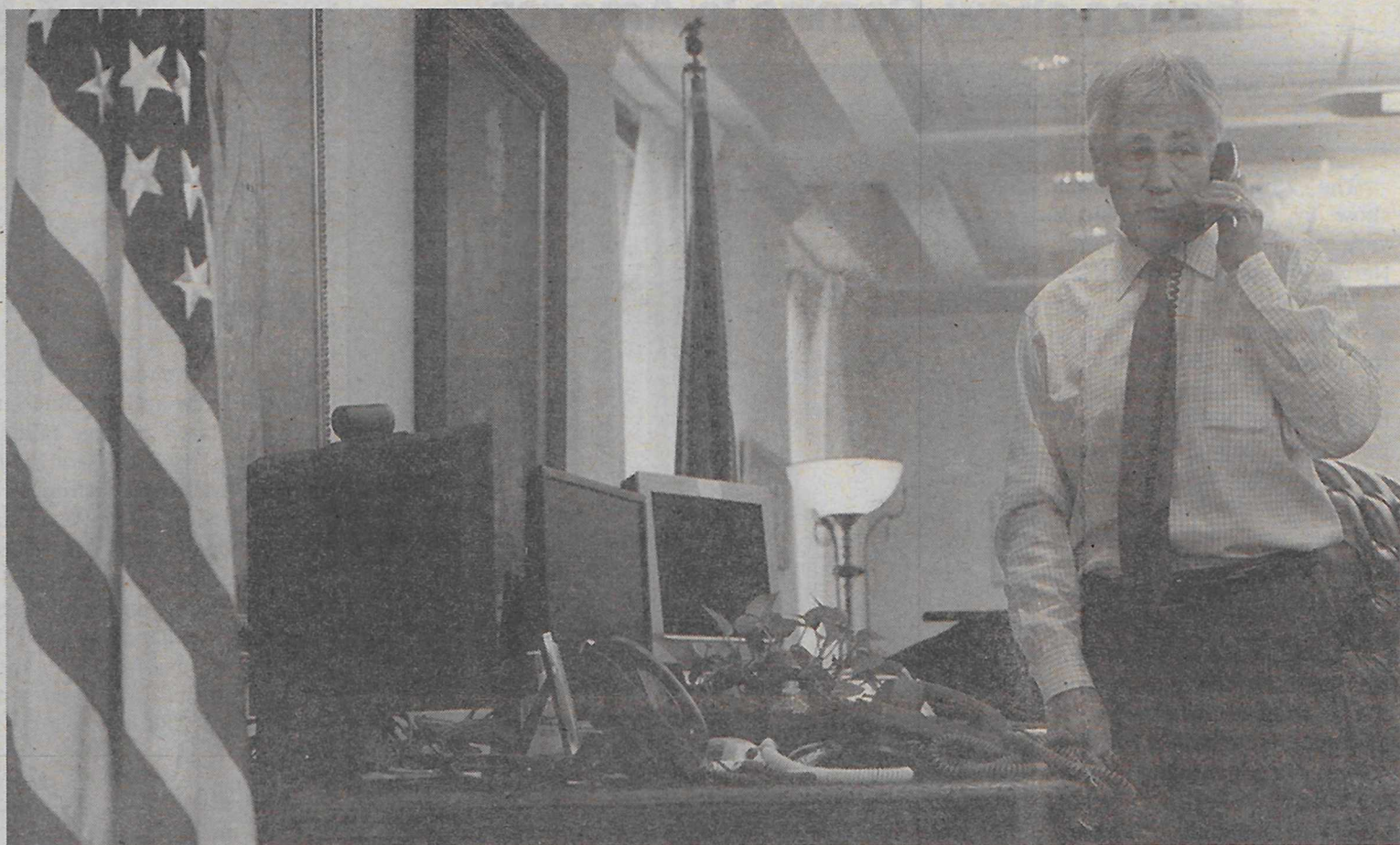


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U.S. Secretary of Defense, Chuck Hagel, speaks on the phone with his former Ukrainian counterpart, Igor Tenyukh.

their government was serving interests in direct contradiction to that of many Ukrainians, in favor of what appeared to be geo-political alliances with the Kremlin. In the wake of the Russian proposal, domestic tensions continued to escalate to ever more drastic levels, and violence on both sides of the crisis began to flare up. As the government's position became untenable, Yanukovich fled the country and protestors seized federal buildings around the country.

Following the former presidents' impeachment by the Ukrainian government, pressure increased to elect a new government. It appears as though the political instability in the region became too much to bear for Putin. Seeing Ukraine as a whole, slipping away from Russian authority it became imperative for Russia to move and secure its interests, and those of Ukrainians ethnically, if not politically, associated with Russia to the East. Moving quite rapidly, Russian forces swarmed into the Ukrainian region of Crimea, immediately occupying airports, naval bases and administrative buildings. Approximately 15,000 armed men, some uniformed others undistinguishable, imposed themselves by surrounding military installations and strategically important points throughout Crimea. Many saw this move by Russia as a sign of political defiance, and military heavy handedness. Following the incursion came international cries deriding the Russian government for

taking steps characterized by Secretary of State John Kerry as reminiscent of the 19th century.

Although presented as a show of strength, Dominguez views the incursion as a desperate move. "Crimea, although geopolitically important represents only a small part of Ukraine, which Russia has for most part effectively lost. These moves are more a sign of insecurity than anything else," Dominguez claimed. "Ukraine has always been a question mark in the region, yet now more than ever, the government is inclined to be a NATO member," he continued, intimating a desperate move to present weakness as strength, and consolidate regional influence.

Tensions rose, however, and further punitive measures were being organized against Putin, his political entourage, and their institutions. A referendum was quickly scheduled to vote on secession in order to legitimize the desire of both those in Crimea and Russia who want closer ties and security for the majority in the area who are ethnically Russian. The expediency of these matters has raised suspicions. "The OSCE was not allowed to monitor the referendum in Crimea. This indicates a fishy situation, coupled with the pace at which organization and voting took place," said Dominguez, concerning issues of illegitimacy. Following impressive numbers at the polls, in which around 93 percent of voters were in favor

of secession from Ukraine, tensions have reached their highest point.

Many of the problems now facing world leaders focus around the difficulties of organizing and maintaining international cooperation while simultaneously deterring further moves by Putin. If it comes down to it "China will continue to try and play both sides of the track," said Dominguez, and "several states within Europe stand to be adversely effected by strains on Russian energy and investment."

Lack of international solidarity may prove a significant hindrance to a resolution, when many on the opposing side to Russia have limited political capital to expend without overly exposing themselves. Economic sanctions have been levied on politicians and institutions on both sides. Issues remain across the board concerning the degree and scope of long term effects across Europe and what future steps may need to be taken. "In the long run this is not good for the Russian economy, although they are a more symbolic step. By targeting banks, which are the nerves that connect any economy, Russia will feel an effect," said Dominguez in response to these recent developments. "These effects will not, however, reach the strength of the sanctions imposed on Iran."

To further debate and assess the extent of action going forward, the G7, formerly the

G8 prior to Russia's removal, has met in Brussels and have planned meetings this summer. These meetings will inevitably prove crucial in the organization of a clear and enduring message to Russia. With regard to the U.S., "The presence of Obama is crucial, because cooperation is imperative between the U.S. and E.U. if they want to present themselves as an effective deterrent to Russia. Deciding where and how to apply leverage and guide matters back to normalization is the key to producing an amelioration of grievances with Russia," said Dominguez. Going forward, issues between Russia and the West will need to be handled delicately so as not to cause further political degeneration within Ukraine, but also to counteract a steady trend toward Cold War style animosity. A recent Pew Study indicates levels of around 29 percent approval for a firm stand on Russia, while 56 percent maintain that the U.S. should avoid getting too involved. A balance will need to be struck between condemnation for Russia's incursion and repossession of Crimea while also maintaining distance and restraint to guide the conflict back towards a state of compromise and cooperation. It does not seem like either side will get what it wants in whole, and thus they must both be reasonable in pursuing a realistic approach to resolving the underlying issues in the region that respect the grievances and concerns of both sides.

Cultures around the world welcome arrival of spring with unique traditions

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The month of March marks the transition of one season to the next, known as the spring equinox. Scientifically, an equinox occurs when the sun is precisely aligned with the plane of the Earth's equator, when the rotational axis is not tilted either toward or away from the sun. Spiritually and religiously, an equinox has a much deeper meaning.

Contemporary Neopagan religions celebrate the holidays Mabon and Ostara, fall and spring respectively. While the northern hemisphere celebrates Ostara this month, the southern half of the Earth is simultaneously commemorating Mabon. This festivity gives way to the fall harvest and Thanksgiving, making survival possible for the winter months. Ostara marks the birth and fertility of spring. The likeness of "Ostara" and "Easter" are no coincidence.

According to Ostara's homepage from the University of Pittsburg, the English name for "Easter" is derived from the German word "Ostern," or Eostra, the Germanic goddess of Springtime. The goddess brings fertility and growth to the Earth after several months of cold and harsh winter weather. There are no stories in the Bible about cotton-tailed bunnies or children painting eggs and hunting for goodies. The typical symbols of this holiday have pagan roots and they were then incorporated into the celebration separately from the Christian tradition honoring Jesus' resurrection.

The origin of the Easter bunny can be traced back to the 13th century, pre-Christian Germany, where Eostra's symbol was the rabbit due to its high rate of fertility. Eggs are also an ancient symbol of fertility, and later came to represent the resurrection of Jesus. Making nests for the bunny evolved into decorated baskets filled with candy.

Most are unaware of the somewhat complicated system

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for the placement of Easter Sunday on the yearly calendar. As the Reverend Amy Fisher of the Suffolk interfaith center explained it, "Easter moves around because Christianity cannot have Easter until there is the Spring equinox. Then it has to be the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox." This is why Easter can be as early as March 22 if there is a full moon, or as late as the end of April.

It is important to notice other celebrations of the welcoming of spring in other cultures around the world,

since there are so many varying traditions. Seven weeks before Easter, Russia celebrates what they call "Maslenitsa." This celebration calls for eating, drinking, and dancing before Lent begins after the passing of Easter. A straw monument of Maslenitsa is burned in a fire, and the ashes are spread in the fields for fertilization. In Italy, the month of March is filled with celebrations and feasts rejoicing the goddess Cybele and her lover, Attis, who also happened to be her grandson. In Ireland, St. Patrick's Day celebrates the

bringing of Christianity to the Emerald Isle.

One international celebration that is well known is Nowruz, the Persian holiday which is now in modern day Iran.

"Nowruz is deeply rooted in the beliefs of Zoroastrianism, which predates Christianity," Fisher said. During this 13-day festival, millions of Iranians gather around a ceremonial table known as the haftseen. The table is decorated with seven items, and each one begins with the letter "S" in Persian, symbolizing spring and renewal. Painted eggs are often decorated to represent fertility.

The celebration of the seasons will always be different from one country to another, but the roots of the celebration itself are often alike. Spring equinox is the official indication around the world of fertility, rebirth, green plants, and not to forget warmer weather. Unfortunately, this is bad news for Antarctica, who will not see sunrise from May until August.

Northeastern suspends

Students for Justice in Palestine, citing various violations

Matt Bacon
International Editor

When Max Geller and other members of Northeastern University's branch of Students for Justice in Palestine posted mock eviction flyers around the school's campus last month, they expected a reaction. The group is known for its outspoken demeanor, and its penchant for pushing the boundaries of public discussion. In fact, the group had already had several run-ins with administration in its short existence at the school.

What the NESJP could not predict, however, was that they would subsequently be suspended as an organization by the administration.

"On Feb. 23, SJP members and some friends went around campus posting mock eviction notices to mimic to the ones the IDF [Israeli Defense Forces] puts on homes in the West Bank. The purpose of this action was educational. We wanted to place information directly into the hands of as many students as possible," Geller, a second-year law student at Northeastern and a senior leader of NESJP, said.

According to Geller, the situation blew up when Northeastern's Hillel branch, an Israeli advocacy group, claimed that Jewish and Israeli students were targeted by

false information on the flyers. "The flyers contained only information provided by Israeli NGO's," Geller said, defending the group. NESJP feels that they have been singled out, targeted and censored, not for breaking any school rules, but for the group's controversial political stance.

The university administration sees things differently. "This is the result of a series of violations over a period of two years. Policies and procedures are outlined in the Student Organization Resource Guide. They range from vandalizing university property, disrupting the event of another student organization, not getting

appropriate permits, and not providing a civility statement from a series of violations," said Renata Nyul, director of communications at Northeastern. The "disruption" is in reference to a walk out of an event with IDF soldiers, planned by NESJP.

"They did not go through the proper channels to take those steps. It is really a series of things, so it is very hard to pick one and single it out."

The school has also posted a statement on its website explaining the reasons for their actions. A link to the Student Organization Resource Guide is provided in the statement.

As for the accusations of the administration

specifically targeting NESJP, Nyul responded, "Since 2008 we've had 18 student groups who have received sanctions, including suspension, they come from a broad range of groups."

As it stands for now, NESJP is currently suspended until the end of this calendar year. Rumors that two of the students involved were facing expulsion were not true. But Geller and the NESJP do not plan on going down without a fight.

"They have the opportunity to appeal, they have turned in their appeal," Nyul said.

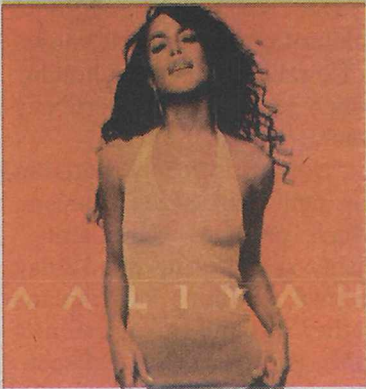
"There are many legitimate positions one can take on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. But

there is only one condition you can take on the first amendment and free speech, this is not a question of the pros or cons of our political position, it is a question about the first amendment and free speech," Geller concluded.

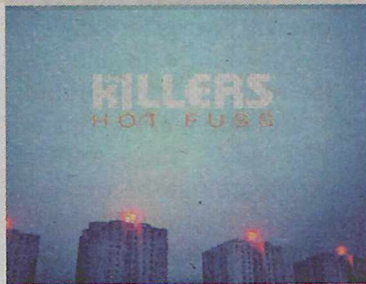
Whatever the stance one takes on either the Israeli-Palestinian issue or the one currently unfolding at Northeastern, this story has kept many people in the Boston area captivated. It highlights a classic struggle between dissidence and authority; a struggle that has always been, and always will be.



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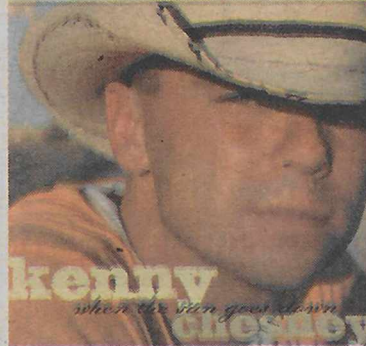
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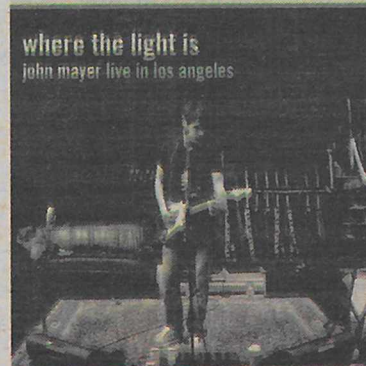
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MFA showcases first exhibit of contemporary Latin American Art

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Vibrant colors and mixed media bathe the white walls of the Henry and Louis Foster Gallery of the Museum of Fine Arts in vigor and energy as they debut the MFA's newest exhibit, Permission.

To Be Global/
Prácticas Globales.

The gallery exhibits contemporary art from the Caribbean and South America from the 1960's to the present; this is the first exhibit of Latin American contemporary art showcased in New England. With 60 pieces ranging from paintings and sculptures, to video and installation pieces, there is something for everyone to enjoy on display.

The pieces in the exhibit originate from South America, but they were purchased by Ella Fontanals-Cisneros for her private collection in Miami, Fla. She is the founder of the CIFO Art Foundation, also in Miami. The exhibit is loosely divided into four sections- Power Parodied, Borders Redefined, Occupied Geometries, and Absence Accumulated - to represent the different themes that the artists portray in their work.

What makes the exhibit

even more interesting are the installation pieces that are scattered throughout the room. From Ernesto Neto's "O Tempo Noco" to Jose Damasceno's "Durante o Caminho." The pieces the visitors observe are presented in a non-traditional manner, either hanging from the ceiling or standing freely in the center of the room.

One artist, Liliana Porter of Argentina, has an installation piece on display as well as several other pieces in the gallery, one of which is Dialogue With Him, a mixed media piece.

"It's a dialogue between two totally different characters

you can tell that they are talking to each other and I like that," said Porter.

Along with creating her own pieces, Porter also teaches art.

"In my art, I always do what I feel is natural always told my students, if it's true, it's good."

In addition to installation and mixed media exhibits, the gallery also showcases several film pieces. They range from two to 40 minutes, displaying a wide range of subjects from spinning tops to self-portraits.

One video was off in its own section of the gallery with the lights off while the film was projected onto a table in the center of the room. The

piece by Oscar Munoz mimics a person working in a dark room. Munoz's intention was for his viewers to contemplate "How does personal and collective memory differ from 'official history' or from the stories told by mass media? Whose voices are included, and whose are excluded?"

The gallery at the Museum of Fine Arts holds timeless pieces that exemplify the emotions of the people that created them and that feeling resonates with each viewer. The exhibit is best put into words by co-curator Jen Mergel, "This is not a general overview or survey, this is

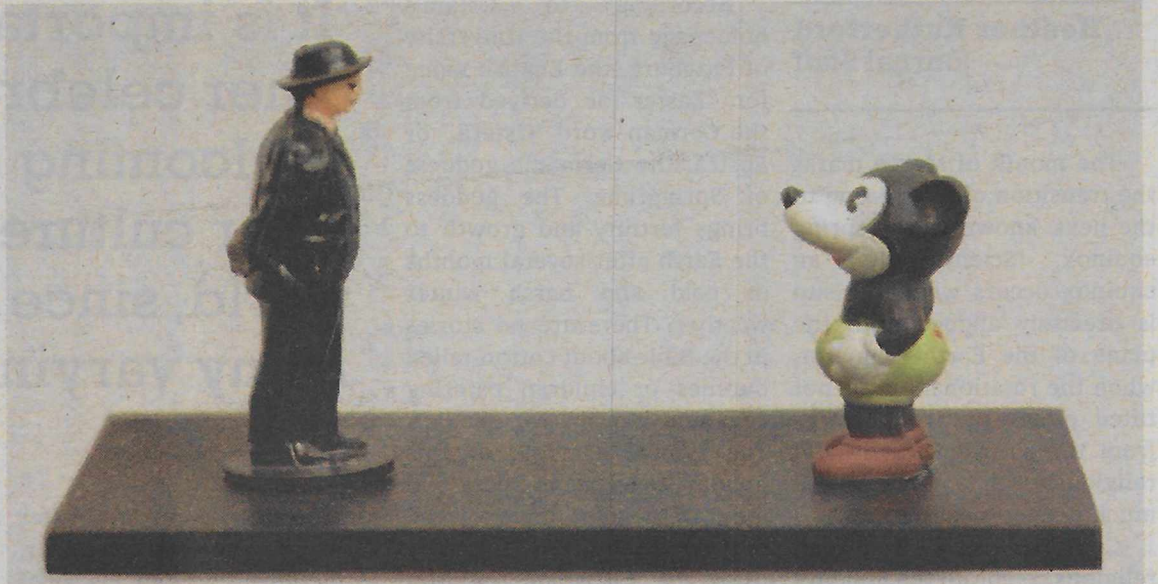
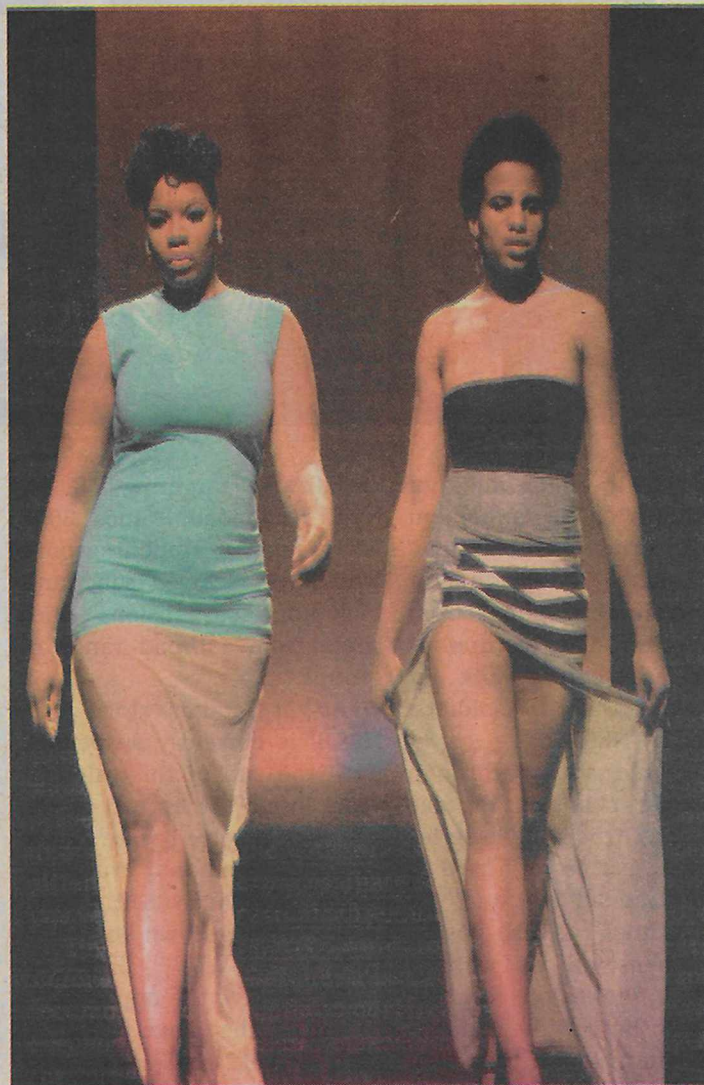


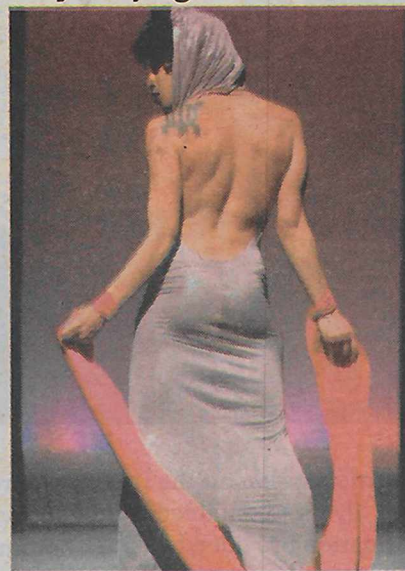
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Models sport designs by *Mone't*

G-Eazy returns to Boston, headlining Paradise Rock Club

Soleil Barros
Arts Editor

Returning to Boston's small hub on his second headlining tour, Bay Area based artist Gerald 'G-Eazy' Gillum was in good spirits as he stepped foot onto the stage of his sold out show. Hosted at Allston's favorite venue, the Paradise, on March 22 fan girls and young gentlemen alike gathered together in their 'Eazy' merchandise as the anticipation grew leading up to the California native's highly anticipated performance.

From opening for Shwayze and Cisco Adler to playing solo shows at the Middle East's Upstairs and Downstairs venue, throughout the past three years G-Eazy has managed to make a special stop in Boston to show support to his local fans. Currently en route on his *These Things Happen Tour* the natural born

rap artist has embarked from coast to coast not seeming to leave anything less than his all on the stage following this particular stop on the venture.

An early showtime of 7 p.m., saw a slew of openers including Chicago's hip-hop starlet Rockie Fresh and fresh faces like Tory Lanez, Ground Up, and Kurt Rockmore. As the



Photo by Soleil Barros

kids with large black X's on their hands cheer on and nod their heads to Drake's latest "Worst Behavior" played by the intermission DJ, groups of girls find their friends as they settle down for the main act. The excitement was apparent in the atmosphere as the minutes grew leading up to G-Eazy's show topping performance.

As the tall rapper appeared on the stage in his darkly tinted glasses sporting all black and red/black Nike's it was apparent that he was ready to lay down some love.

Playing popular tunes like "Lady Killers," "Marilyn" and "Mad" the crowd sang along to every verse as they swayed to the beats produced

by a DJ and drummer, the only two members on stage for majority of the show. With a mixture of hands and cell phones both waving in the air, it was apparent that G-Eazy's local fans had visited the Paradise with intentions of 'turning way up.'

"I'm young Gerald you might know me better as 'G-Eazy,'

said Gillum to his audience.

Performing "Must Be Nice," fans waved their hands to the chorus as G-Eazy moved about the stage, spitting his lyrics to his loyal fans.

With the show sold out for months before it's actual calendar date, it was clear that G-Eazy shared a special type of set to his first performance. The 24-year-old rapper humbly encouraged the audience members to give a round of cheers to his long time drummer and friend Blizzy.

"Ever since that first show at the Middle East Upstairs you guys make me feel at home when I come to Boston. I'm a long way from home coming from Oakland, California," admitted the artist. "It's only right I play you some new shit."

Throughout the show G-Eazy often replaced words in his various sets of clever and witty lyrics with the location of "Boston" instead of it's original version.

Towards the end of the show, sparklers were jetted into the crowd and the openers reappeared on the stage for a final hoorah as the rappers all spit a small verse making for a stellar final performance.

"I got mad love for Boston every time I come here you guys show mad love," said G-Eazy shortly before performing his final song of the evening.

Instacart: a student's dream, groceries to your front door

Serina Gousby
Journal Staff

There is a new popular tool crazing the country that will allow you to never step foot in a grocery store again, unless you want to. Instacart is a grocery delivery service that allows you to shop in at least four different markets and the personal shopper delivers the food to your home in an hour or less. It is a much simpler service than Peapod or Stop & Shop because you can receive items from more than one local store within the same order.

Locations for the service are currently located in the San Francisco Bay Area, Chicago, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, and Boston. However, according to the Instacart website, the stores are not affiliated with the service; an independent software company that links customers with personal shoppers. Additionally, the prices and sales of the food items listed on the site are different than the prices that you will see in the actual store.

The process starts with signing up on the website; it is recommended to log into your Facebook account to make the process go a tad faster. You then get sent to a page of many food items listed from a particular store. The list is



Photo courtesy of Instacart

categorized, so all the breakfast items, bakery, frozen dinners, and pasta are all together to make your shopping easier.

In Boston, the available stores that you can receive items from are Market Basket, Shaw's, Costco, and Whole Foods. Not every item in the store will be on the list, so you can always make a request of the item on your cart so the shopper can look for it. The minimum amount that you will need to exceed to use Instacart is \$10.

However, if someone referred you to the website, you will automatically receive a \$10 coupon and possibly free shipping. There is also the option to go to Coupons.com and grab a referral code from

others to get the coupon as well.

The hours for Instacart depend on the local store hours, but they deliver from 9 a.m. to midnight. As soon as you finish putting your items into the cart and include your credit or debit card information, your order is sent to a personal shopper in your area.

The shoppers are screened and trained to go to the nearest store location that is closest to your home, and pick out the items from your list. Depending how long the list and the location between your home and the market, the time can be between 20 minutes to two hours.

After the shopper is finished gathering all of the items, they will call you on your preferred

phone number and let you know what they have and what might have been out of stock.

If something is out of stock, before confirming your order you can choose a similar item to replace it or the shopper will refund your money back for that particular item. The shopper will also let you know when they are on their way to your home to give you the items. It is not required that you should tip the shopper, but there is always the option to do so in person or while purchasing the items through your credit or debit card.

For Boston, the shipping under \$35 is \$7.99, while the other areas are as little as \$3.99. For orders greater than \$35, Instacart have a membership

service known as Instacart express, which grants you free shipping. It begins with a 14-day free trial, and then begins charging \$99 a year.

I had the privilege to use Instacart recently, and it was very fast and easy. Around 8 p.m., I ordered my items from Shaw's, including a requested item that I did not see in the item list. The shopper did contact me that he was not able to find a certain item, which I agreed to be refunded because I did not have a replacement item.

After delivering the items to me, the trained shopper informed me that college students mainly use the service; the busiest times are usually during the weekends and at night, and that they to go to the closest store within the customer's home address to make the delivery come faster.

Although college students are currently the main customers, this is also great for senior citizens and individuals with special needs who have a difficult time going to their favorite markets. This service is great for those who do not have much time in their busy schedule to spend time grocery shopping, and that there are people who are gladly to help you out.

The Grand Budapest Hotel proves to be a classic

Ally Johnson
Opinion Editor

Ever since the release of *The Fantastic Mr. Fox* in 2009, Wes Anderson's films have spun themselves away from simply avant-garde to rich and colorful storytelling-resembling pop-up picture books from your childhood. The shortcoming with Anderson's last film *Moonrise Kingdom* was how the style overtook the substance.

The Grand Budapest Hotel meanwhile hits all of the right notes to create what is likely Anderson's most visually arresting film as well as his most emotionally poignant.

It was pretty great. The film centers itself on a litany of characters but the primary story comes from Gustave, played by Ralph Fiennes, a newcomer to Anderson's worlds. Gustave is a legendary concierge at a famous European hotel between wars, he's a man who Zero, one of our narrators, crosses paths with as their lives take a turn for adventure. Gustave is accused of murdering one of his elderly lovers as well as theft of a priceless painting and then is hunted down by a murderous family.

The backdrop provides the greatest storytelling significance as it showcases the

ever changing continent-always moving just like our leads. The supporting cast is a wealth of riches from Tilda Swinton to Jeff Goldblum to Saoirse Ronan as well as the rest of Anderson's typical rag-tag group.

However the film is undeniably Fiennes's who plays the comedic beats to their fullest and never drops the persistent sadness of the character the unfortunate bearings of a man who is so woefully out of place with the time he's living in.

The film is beautifully shot. The small scale figurines work wonderfully with the picture book aspect of the filmmaking, the auteur's eye for symmetry is present and the colors pop it's luscious with the full expanse of the hotel as well as a getaway skiing chases.

Anderson and Hugo Guinness penned the script and the clarity rang through. As a story with two main narrators, it easily could have gotten muddled but the pace keeps for the entirety of its running time and never allows a moment for the audience to think too much about what's transgressed.

It's a film less about the narrative and more about the atmosphere - a mood which translates in spades. Like *The Grand Budapest* and Gustave himself, there is a timeless feel to the film. The

Hotel and Gustave are both out of time and in a sense, when Jude Law's character has met him older, more downtrodden and lonely, Zero is also out of time. The film tells the story of one man, of many, who do what they must, do what they please even, to find a bit of sense in what they were meant to do.

Gustave, without family it would appear, found affection wherever he could whether it be from an elderly woman or from the respect of fellow colleagues. Zero found young love, a mentor, and adventure to tell for years on.

What is happiness? What is a happy ending? This film beautifully asks these questions and doesn't think so lowly of its audience to answer it for them. There's a lot to love about this film, from the performances to the Grimm fairytale like spectacle to the absurdity of William Dafoe, but what left its mark with me was how as the credits rolled.

I couldn't identify how I felt. Was I happy or sad? Was the ending happy or sad? Was our lead a hero or simply a man doing what he felt was his duty does that make a hero? I left touched what else can I ask for in what's viewed as the purest sense of escapism?

The Grand Budapest Hotel is in theaters now.



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STAFF EDITORIAL

Charlie Baker for Governor

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Asst. News Editor

Over the past few months, I have covered the Rappaport Center's Governor roundtable series and watched six of the nine candidates introduce themselves and outline their principles.

The only one who truly impressed me was Republican Charlie Baker, who unfortunately lost to Deval Patrick four years ago. Unlike the other candidates, Baker spoke seriously about not only making state government more efficient, but also cutting back its size and budget.

As a former healthcare executive, Baker turned a failing company into a profitable and highly reputable success. At Suffolk, he emphasized improving communication healthcare providers to make services more efficient, among other reforms that would reduce healthcare costs.

Baker also rightly criticized Obamacare, first for its shoddy websites, and secondly for the law's overreach, which interferes with how Massachusetts runs its own healthcare coverage program. (The week that Baker appeared,



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This is Charlie Baker's second run for governor, after he lost to Deval Patrick in 2010.

several news outlets said that Massachusetts' Federal Healthcare Connector was the worst performing of all 50 states.)

Of all the candidates, he seems to have the most experience in the healthcare industry, both as a businessman and from his three-year stint as Massachusetts' Health and Human Services Secretary.

Baker also served on the Massachusetts Board of Education, and is currently a board member of a Chelsea charter school, which tells me he is open-minded on education issues. While state

and local government should work to improve under-performing schools in the state, Massachusetts should also encourage and allow more charter schools to ease the burdens of the public school system, a position I think Baker would be open to.

He emphasized towns can improve failing schools by talking to teachers and administrators in successful schools, which is likely to bring greater benefits than throwing more money at rather vague goals. Reforming teachers

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Malaysia Airlines tragedy highlights media's poor crisis reporting

Ally Johnson
Opinion Editor

Human tragedy has recently come under the attack of the media circus, a poor reflection on how we tell and receive our news.

For weeks now we have been listening, reading and watching news about the missing Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 and it seems that as of Monday, closure has been found as somber as it is.

On Monday, Malaysia's Prime Minister announced that the missing Flight 370 ended in the southern Indian Ocean, based on new analysis of satellite data by a British satellite company and accident investigators.

The relatives of the lost passengers received a text from Malaysia Airlines that read "we have to assume beyond any reasonable doubt that MH370 has been lost and that none of those onboard survived."

There was immediately a barrage of coverage about the announcement, understandable due to the

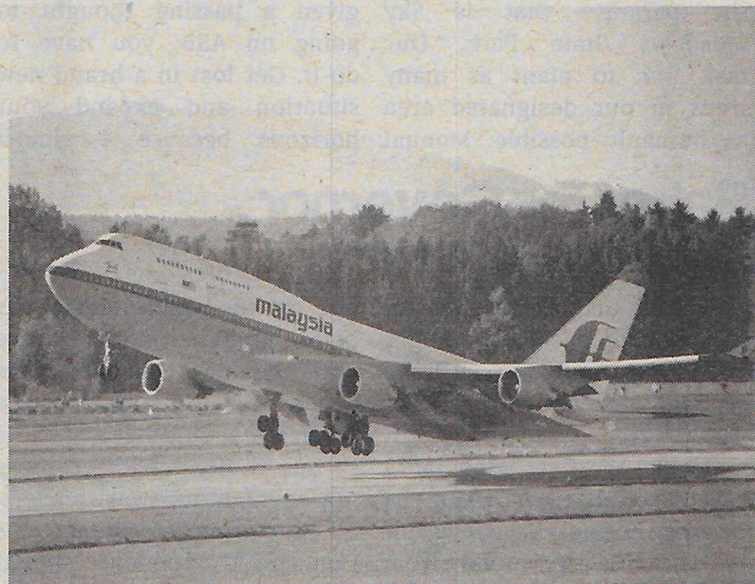


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Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 disappeared March 8.

notoriety of the event, followed by photos of grieving family members. Grief, like it is so often in the media, was turned into a commodity. Do you want to click on the link that has picture of families reacting to the news? Do you want to see pain in a detached manner? Look, they even have it in a slideshow.

Despite the news people still are waiting on "hard

evidence." While I am sure there are people who are still genuinely uncertain about the validity of Malaysia Airline's statement, there are also cynics who look at this as a way to keep the ball rolling, to keep the story going longer.

It has been reported that police are focusing on four possibilities about

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ASB trip, service a great experience to cap off senior year

David Frederick
Journal Staff

Growing up, you start to discover a whole plethora of new things about yourself and the world you live in. Existential, introspective feelings that toss the nostalgic regret aside.

To put it short, my senior year at Suffolk has not been the glamorous deception that I have played out in my head so many times. Especially when you find out that you might not graduate when you planned to. I needed a new visceral experience, and after lingering disappointments I knew that I could look forward to going on Alternative Spring Break. Social justice and community service are things that I pride myself on learning about.

Giving back and being aware are things that I hold dear even if it is something that I cannot always do. I am human and I am flawed, but I was hopeful that this experience could help me become a better person. However, my nerves had outweighed my best intentions. Even though I had been meeting with this group of people every week for this semester, I did not know them at all. I did not know how any of these individuals would receive my presence. I had no clue if I would be good enough to the gold standard of service work.

Delaplane, Va. was our destination, more specifically, the paradise that is Sky Meadows State Park. Our task was to plant as many trees in our designated area as humanly possible. Manual

labor with strangers is not only a great bonding exercise; it is highly rewarding. For the first time, in what feels like decades I was able to disconnect from the rhythmic hustle of city life and I was able to peacefully lose track of my time spent out in those fields. I loved taking slow walks back to our pseudo-isolated home across the worksite; surrounded by hills, mountains and a deep blue sky that I got lost in.

Needless to say, I learned quite a lot on this trip. Not in the atypical "cliché/meta" I found my inner peace way, but I was able to let myself be comfortable with who I am. I was able to quickly bond with these strangers, who I am now so grateful to call my friends. Stripping away our barriers and living with new people will show you just how similar you all are. The collective experience of my ASB trip is not just something I can turn into poetic linguistics.

One thing I knew I had to check off my Suffolk bucket list was going on Alternative Spring Break. It was not a choice made in simple personal gain, so that I could maybe tell a good yarn about it to my trusted few over some drinks. I needed to get out of my comfort zone, and felt more than compelled to dive head first into something different and so incredibly tangible. My ASB experience was without a doubt in my mind one of the best decisions that I have made in my time here at Suffolk.

Now, if you have ever even given a passing thought to going on ASB; you have to do it. Get lost in a brand new situation and expand your horizons because I almost



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This year's Alternative Spring Break sent over 140 students to 12 different locations across America to volunteer in a wide array of community service projects. The events are planned by S.O.U.L.S.' Center for Community Engagement.

was not able to attend this trip and little did I know that it would end up meaning so much to me. I was able to let go of my own convictions and

if that is possible, then you have the ability to jump into the great unknown yourselves. I highly suggest that you get to the S.O.U.L.S. office to learn

more about ASB and service learning, if I have been able to even slightly persuade you.

Baker for Governor

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unions, and making it easier to fire bad teachers and hire good ones, will also improve schools, and I believe Baker would agree.

Unlike the five Democrats I saw, Baker talked of cutting the budget, noting that Governor Patrick both used money from the state's rainy day fund and raised taxes. It was refreshing to hear a politician criticize budget gimmickry rather than spin poor spending decisions. None of the five Democrats mentioned the budget much, let alone the improper funding methods.

Like most Massachusetts residents, Baker is pretty socially liberal; pro-choice and gay friendly, and otherwise respectful of residents' personal lives. He opposes marijuana legalization, which I believe is a mistake given shifting popular opinion and the failure of the War on Drugs,

but on the whole, he is far better prepared to take office with the ideas Massachusetts needs and the experience a Governor should have.

But if his track record is not enough to sway readers, a quick comparison of his Democratic opponents should paint an even clearer picture.

Don Berwick, who is farther to the left than Elizabeth Warren, wants Massachusetts to adopt a single-payer healthcare system, meaning that government, not citizens, would pay for all healthcare costs.

Such a system would greatly increase state bureaucracy and the accompanying costs of overhead and would likely reduce residents' healthcare choices as the state tries to make an efficient but narrow-scope system to minimize cost.

Berwick also aims for lofty goals such as smoking

cessation and anti-obesity programs, but neither links them to specific goals nor explains how he would pay for such programs, a tell-tale sign of wasteful spending.

Unlike Baker, Berwick and his fellow Democratic candidates failed to acknowledge Massachusetts' complex and high taxes, which make our state a less appealing state to do business.

Following Berwick came Joe Avellone, or 'Mr. Yes-Man' as I call him. He had a pretty basic, progressive platform, but more worryingly, whenever an audience member asked him a question, he replied with a 'yes.' 'Yes' to spending increases, program expansions, and other policy issues. This would not bother me if he seemed to give each question serious consideration, but, unlike any other candidate, he seemed more eager to please

the audience rather than put forth his own opinion.

Steve Grossman, who initially impressed me as he talked about his experience in successfully bargaining with unions, was pretty boring to listen to. He seemed to be reading a mental script with prepared answers, and while that may seem cliché to say of a politician, he did not strike me as someone decisive or someone who can think on his feet, two important qualities of a leader.

Martha Coakley, who suffered an embarrassing loss to Scott Brown in a special Senate election in 2010, suggested solutions that seemed too small to fix the problems that she was trying to address. While I appreciate her fights against DOMA and banking companies for misleading homeowners, she did not seriously mention

shrinking the budget or other tough decisions that our next governor will have to make.

Lastly, Juliette Kayyem focused on issues like climate change and infrastructure improvements more than healthcare and the state's finances, which should have been at the forefront of her and other candidates' minds.

Charlie Baker's impressive and lengthy resumé, and his small government ideas are what Massachusetts needs to grow its economy and improve the quality of life for its people.

If you have another opinion on who should be governor, and why, we always welcome op-eds and letters to the editor, which can be sent to suffolkopinion@gmail.com.

Schools should adopt anti-bullying curriculum

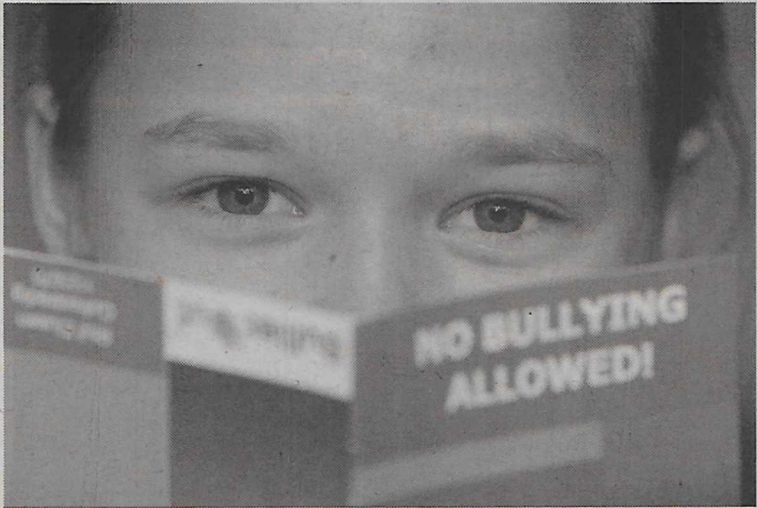


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Some school districts across the country have adopted anti-bullying curricula, but no nation-wide curricula currently exists. Such a program could make children sympathetic to those who are different.

Ellie Hawkins
Journal Staff

In the past 10 years the suicide rate in the United States has risen. In a study from 2012, statistics showed that 1 in 6 teens have thought about suicide and 1 in 12 have attempted to commit suicide.

One of the main reasons that a teenager might commit suicide is due to bullying. Not every single case is reported, and some students might not even realize when an individual is being bullied. This is why there should be a class or semester anti-bullying seminar instilled in every school in the United States.

It should include learning about both face-to-face bullying and cyberbullying. It can help students be aware of when they are witnessing bullying or if they are bullying an individual. By doing this it could potentially help save lives and even prevent permanent physical and emotional scarring.

Recently we learned about how bullying can be taken to extremely troubling levels. Two teenage girls in southern Maryland bullied an autistic 16-year-old boy into performing sexual acts with an animal and forced him to walk on thin ice resulting in him falling through multiple times. They did not help him out of the water and they captured all the events on video on a cellphone. They also stabbed him during these disturbing acts of violence and bullying.

Seventeen-year-old Lauren A. Bush, of Mechanicsville, was charged as an adult about two weeks ago with first- and second-degree assault, false imprisonment and solicitation for child pornography. She

was released on her own recognizance. The other girl, a 15-year-old who is unnamed, was charged as a juvenile with the same offenses and referred to the state department of juvenile services. All three teens attended Chopticon High School in Morganza.

Police learned of what happened from a parent of the younger girl who had seen the video on her daughter's phone. The parent showed it to a sheriff's deputy who works in the school. The authorities said that there is no evidence other students were not involved.

This is a horrible and unthinkable deed that these girls did. Thankfully it was brought into the public eye to show how bullying is such an issue in today's society. Not every case has a parent who would turn his or her own child in for such acts and not every act of abuse is known to someone who can help end the bullying taking place. That is why there needs to be better communication about accepting others and how to prevent bullying.

No child should be scared about going to school because they fear for their own safety. When students know the impact of bullying, there is a higher chance that another student might stick up for the individual on the receiving end of bullying. It also teaches students about treating others with respect in the future, because bullying can still happen in college and in the workplace.

By enforcing a class about cyberbullying and face-to-face bullying it can help save people's lives and help them enjoy their lives. The topic of bullying is not addressed as much as it should be in the United States education system.

Vaccinations are worth the "risks"

Katie Dugan
Journal Staff

Recently, there has been an outbreak of measles in New York City and an outbreak of whooping cough in California. These two diseases have been considered almost "wiped out" until recently. The reason for this is parents refusing to vaccinate their children because of the risks of autism and other side effects. It's time for this rumor-driven debate to come to an end and these wary parents need to be injected with a dose of reality.

Medical professionals from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) advise parents to vaccinate their children and recommend that healthy children should have been vaccinated against 14 diseases by the age of two.

Experts say that the recent outbreaks of measles and whooping cough were caused by a breakdown of what is known as "herd immunity." In order for a community to be fully protected against a disease, 80 percent to 90 percent of its population needs to be vaccinated. Anywhere below that level causes the community to be more susceptible to disease.

The truth is, diseases such as the measles still flourish in third world countries where vaccines are not always accessible. I am willing to bet that parents in those countries are not going to think twice about the "risks" if and when those vaccines become available. The fact of the matter is that if people refuse vaccines, deadly diseases that were thought to be a thing of the past will return and spread



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Despite rumors circulated by anti-vaccine groups, medical professionals recommend parents get their children vaccinated to prevent the spread of illness. If the percentage of the population vaccinated for illnesses drops too low, such illnesses may be reintroduced into society.

like wildfire.

Parents who say that vaccines cause autism should start referring to their child's pediatrician for information, instead of the overheard gossip from water-cooler talk at the office. It was originally thought that thimerosal, a mercury-containing preservative that was found in most vaccines, was the cause for autism. Eventually it was found that thimerosal in vaccines does not increase the risk of the disorder. After thimerosal was removed from vaccines (all except the flu vaccination) autism rates continued to rise, proving even further that the substance had nothing to do with autism.

Alison Singer, president of the Autism Science Foundation

and mother of a child with autism said, "We have to move forward and be willing to accept what science tells us; science does not cause autism." Attention on vaccines takes away from important research that is investigating other potential causes for the disorder.

The odds of experiencing a vaccine-related injury are greatly outweighed by the dangers of catching a vaccine-preventable disease. It is common knowledge that the two groups of people most vulnerable to disease are the elderly and children. When it comes to vaccination, keep one thing in mind; vaccination helps the herd. There should be no question of it.

MH370 coverage spreads fear, speculation instead of facts

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what happened, including a potential hijacking, sabotage, psychological issues or personal problems of the passengers or crew.

It will undoubtedly be a long, tiresome investigation.

For weeks, theories, fear mongering and sensationalism have plagued the news about the missing plane. Everyone became an expert; people became headstrong in their beliefs. News outlets were reporting possibilities, rather than facts, stirring the pot unnecessarily. I get how news works. I get that the hot button issue, the one that will receive the

highest ratings or the headline that will lead to the topic trending on Twitter, is the one that you want to put first in the lineup or print on the first page. However, it took a tragedy like this to shine a light on just how damaging such a practice can be.

News outlets such as *CNN* enabled a report-first-ask-later mentality when it came to reporting on the issue – and rightfully came under fire for it. There's always a mindset in reporting about how to get the news out the quickest and how to deliver the strongest impact. This is not the first time that *CNN* has been on the

receiving end of ridicule but it is the most recent, and the one that will likely stick in our minds for the time being.

Two-hundred-thirty-nine people died on that flight. While people were speculating about terrorism, mysterious plane malfunction and even aliens I feel as if that fact, that sobering, miserable fact was put on the backburner only to be brought back to light with the announcement that the flight was lost.

Two-hundred-thirty-nine individuals got on a plane and never met their destination.

TD Garden Venue General Manager: Work comes first

Vassili Stroganov
Sports Editor

Entering the TD Garden you cannot help but feel a little sensation of butterflies flying around in your stomach. As a sports fan these kind of feeling are natural, but how does it feel when you do not go to the Garden as fan, but as an employee? Certainly you can be both a fan and employer at the same time. For TD Garden Vice President and General Manager Hugh Lombardi, the Garden is his fan zone, but primarily it is a work zone.

"There are a lot of challenges, you know. It's always a challenge to stay ahead and keep out competition. The competition has become much tougher in the last few years, and you do work an extreme amount of hours," said Lombardi during the Leadership Behind the Bruins panel held for Suffolk University students by Student Leadership and Involvement.

"When your friends are out having fun and going out you have to be at work. You have to accept that work comes before anything else if you

want this job."

Not a lot of people understand how demanding the role of general manager can be. The job does not end simply because the hockey or basketball season ends. During the offseason, the general manager has to take care of all kinds of business deals like consulting offers, new ventures and dealing with job inquiries. A GM has to balance all the plates at the same time, showing leadership and strong character to set a great example for other employers.

Lombardi has done this exact job to the bone. In his time at the Garden, he has improved the business greatly. Currently, the Bruins are one of the reasons the Garden is doing so well, but one team alone cannot bring in all the money. This is why you have to have smart management that makes the right choices that is best for the Garden as a whole. Calling the big shots has not always been a part of Lombardi's life, as he explained his early years in the sports industry business.

"You come here and you think you will become general manager in three years, but that is just not going to

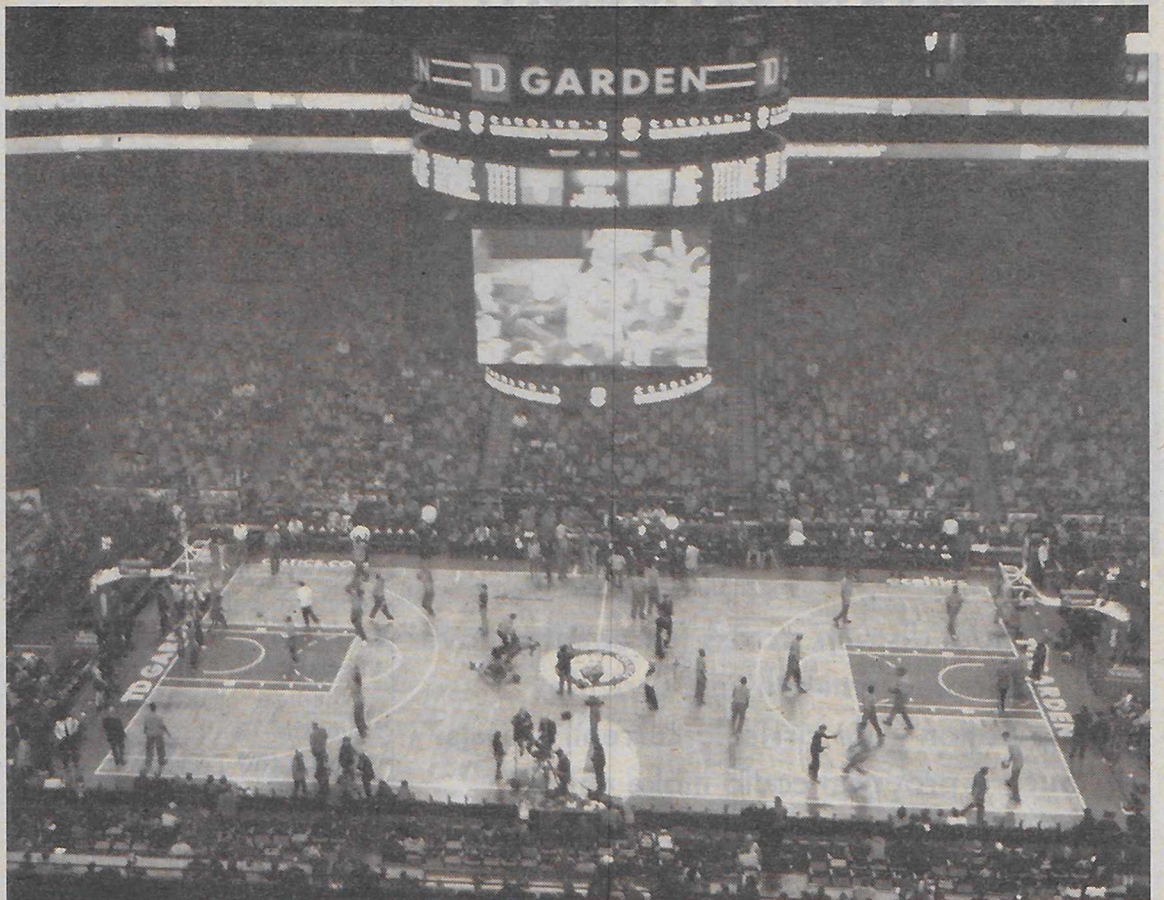


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happen. In the beginning you definitely get overwhelmed and you are forced to make a lifestyle change. This job is not glamorous, the work is challenging and you have long hours."

"It's always a challenge to stay ahead and keep out competition."

- Hugh Lombardi, TD Garden GM

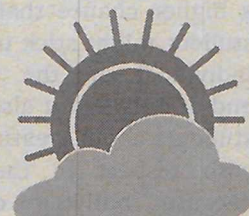
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Men's tennis: Team of champions



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Captain Drew Reilly

Jeremy Hayes
Asst. Sports Editor

The North Champions of the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) are back and hitting the tennis courts this April.

The Suffolk University Rams are coming off another successful year and look to continue their streak of championships. Although they did not win it all in the new formatted divisions for the GNAC last season, they still came out on top in the North division.

The Rams come back with plenty of returning players including determined senior Drew Reilly, who went 7-4 in singles matches in 2013.

"I'm trying to focus more on the mental side of the season," said Reilly, a Boston native. "At this point in the preseason, I am physically prepared, so I'm taking the time we have before the season starts to be more steady and consistent."

Reilly is one of many returning from the starting six in singles, including Aaron Lau, Vassilli Stronganov, and Calixto Romero.

The Rams still have plenty of depth on the team to win, but they will have a rough road to perfection as they have a four-game road trip early in April. All four games are in one week, and will feature Bridgewater State and a key conference battle against Johnson & Wales.

"I am not too worried about our week of road matches," said Reilly. "We're a team of veteran players, so we know how to travel and all four schools are less than an hour away. I don't see the long rides being a problem."

Even with some obstacles, it is hard to ignore the fact that the Rams have been so successful in the past few years, which makes this a team that is hard to doubt.

"I'm very confident about this season," said Reilly. "We had a great season last year...On top of that, our preseason has been great so things are looking pretty good."

UMass Lowell takes the Lamoriello Trophy, Hockey East Championship

Matt Bacon
International Editor

For 30 years, the best college hockey teams in New England have competed for bragging rights and the Lamoriello Trophy, in what is known as the Hockey East Tournament. Founded in 1984 as a response to basketball's "Big East" conference, Hockey East has seen a tremendous amount of success. While a Hockey East Championship brings with it an amount of prestige eclipsed only by a National Championship, the tournament is not affiliated with the NCAA. Other than points picked up in wins during the tournament, the Hockey East tournament has no effect on NCAA standing. Since 1996, the semi-finals and finals have been held at TD Garden.

This year, the final four participants were UMass-Lowell (UML), the University of New Hampshire (UNH), Notre Dame (ND), the only team in Hockey East outside of New England, and Providence College (PC). In the first set of games at TD Garden, defending Hockey East champion and No. 2 seed UML took on No. 8 seed ND, who shockingly upset No. 1 seed Boston College two games to one in a best of three series to reach the semi-finals.

The 4-0 final score of the first game, in favor of UML, is somewhat deceiving. Notre Dame played solid hockey throughout the game, but fell apart at key moments, including allowing two power play goals in the second period to put the game out of reach.

UML, while being outshot 35-22, managed to capitalize on the chances they did get. Helping team's cause in

net was sophomore Connor Hellebuyck. Hellebuyck, drafted by the Winnipeg Jets in the fifth round of the 2012 draft, was nothing short of a force for UML, backstopping the team to its first Hockey East title and Frozen Four NCAA berth in team history as a freshman in 2013.

In the second matchup of the night, No. 3 seed PC took on No. 4 seed UNH. UNH was under extra pressure to win, as it needed the points from a victory to get a chance at making the NCAA playoffs.

After a slow, scoreless first period, UNH broke out in the middle frame with three goals. Senior forward, Kevin Goumas, opened the scoring with a shorthanded goal at 7:05 of the second period. About five minutes later, defenseman Justin Agosta made it 2-0. Goumas made it a three-goal lead with only four tenths of a second remaining in the period with a beautiful wraparound goal. The goal was Goumas' 19th on the season, and his fifth goal in five periods. He had scored a hat-trick in game three of UNH's semi-finals series against Northeastern, propelling his team to the Hockey East semifinals.

"It's great to see the puck go in for him because he's been setting up [his linemates, Nick Sorkin and Matt Willows] an awful lot this season so it's nice that the puck goes in for him," said UNH coach Dick Umile. Goumas could barely stifle a smile as his coach and Willows heaped praise on him in the post-game press conference.

PC came back with a goal early in the third, but failed to build on it. The game ended with a final score of 3-1 in favor of UNH, the final matchup for the Hockey East championship

being determined.

Saturday night at the Garden was a promising matchup between defending champions UML and upstart UNH. However, UML got off to a fast start, notching two goals in the first 15 minutes or so of play. Led by senior forward and alternate captain Joe Pendenza, who had three assists in the game, sophomore forward A.J. White, who had a goal and two helpers, and Hellebuyck, the UML Riverhawks stomped the UNH Wildcats in another 4-0 showing. Hellebuyck made 30 saves for his second consecutive shutout.

With their second consecutive championship, the Riverhawks have shown that they are now a force to be reckoned with in the Hockey East conference. Two years ago, the team had the worst record in its history, going 5-24-4. Following that season, the team fired its head coach and hired current coach, Norm Bazin. Bazin has taken the team and made a complete 180 degree turn. Under him, the team has had a 52-24-3 record, back-to-back Hockey East titles, and a Frozen Four appearance last year (college hockey's equivalent to basketball's Final Four). The team is also headed to the NCAA playoffs again this year.

"I wanted Lowell to become a program that competed for championships, and I think we've done that," Bazin said.

"It's huge for the program," Pendenza said of the turnaround. "What we've been through, what we've done with the program. Norm has had a huge part in that as well, just turning the program around after our freshman year we had our doubts about what was going on. We won five games and we weren't sure what was



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Connor Hellebuyck with the Lamoriello Trophy.

going to happen with the new coach coming in, but everyone believed, and the one common thing coming out of that year was that we never wanted to experience that again."

If Bazin is to be credited for UML's big turnaround, he could not have done it without the help of Hellebuyck. And this weekend was all about Lowell's goalie. His shutout against Notre Dame was the eleventh of his collegiate career, a Riverhawks record. Prior to this weekend's festivities, Hellebuyck was named to Hockey East's first all-star team. He is the first UML goalie to be honored with this achievement since former NHL goalie Dwayne Roloson did so in 1994. His shutouts this weekend led him to be the first goalie in Hockey East history to post back-to-back shutouts in tournament play, and the first goalie to post a shutout in two consecutive Hockey East championship games. Dating back to last year's semi-finals, Hellebuyck

has not allowed a goal in 230 consecutive minutes of play at TD Garden. Fittingly, the sophomore goaltender was awarded the Hockey East tournament MVP award. As if he needed another milestone to break, Hellebuyck became the first player in Hockey East history to win two MVP awards (he also won MVP in last year's tournament).

"It's more about the guys in front of me. It's playoff hockey, and we only play at the Garden for playoff hockey. It brings out the best of the guys in front of me, and tonight they blocked shots and did everything, so it's really on them," Hellebuyck said.

"He pumps us up," Pendenza said of his team's goalie. "Just the stops that he makes when we're in a tough rut. He really gives us confidence back there. Hockey is a game of mistakes, and if we make a couple of mistakes here and there we know he's got our back, just like we've got his back."

Jessica Bard: My team is family

Vassili Stroganov
Sports Editor

The second of two profiles on senior women's basketball players.

College athletics is an incredible experience that cannot be compared to other college activities and clubs. Being part of a team through good and bad in the stretch of four years is something you will never forget. The feeling of walking out on the court and representing your school is tremendous. Jessica Bard knows what it means to be part of a team and she would not give it up for anything in the world. Many athletes would agree on the fact that a sports team is more than just a team.

"If I could describe my team in one word [it would be] family. I can't imagine having a [closer] knit group of friends in my life. We all have really different personalities, but we all share a love for the game, a love for winning and a love for each other. Especially this past season, I feel like everyone was especially close," said Bard.

"I have had some really high highs in my career and some really low lows in my career, but at the end of the day, it's hard to remember wins and losses. All I remember is my teammates being there for each other through the good and the bad and cheering each other on."

The senior forward/center has certainly enjoyed her career in which she played more than 50 games for the Lady Rams and always came up with important rebounds. In her sophomore year she scored a career-high 68 points. For Bard, fun and basketball has always walked hand in hand.

"I have had a lot of fun in college, but I definitely have some of my fondest memories with my basketball team. We spend so much time together. We start practices on Oct. 15 and don't finish the season until March, so most of my college experience was in the gym. But I wouldn't change that for anything. My teammates are my best friends. I met my roommates on the basketball court and I consider them my sisters. I still keep in touch with the girls who no longer play for Suffolk, whether they transferred, stopped playing or graduated ... I still keep in touch with all of them and that's how I know we will all be life-long friends. I can picture some of them being in



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Jessica Bard defending against Colby Sawyer



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"We start practices on Oct. 15 and don't finish the season until March, so most of my college experience was in the gym."

- Jessica Bard, senior forward/center

my wedding party one day!"

Bard started playing seriously on her eighth grade travel team. She believes her height had something to do with her choosing basketball. Even though practicing field hockey, lacrosse and other sports, Bard always loved basketball the most. She would have loved to go to the ECAC tournament at the end of the season, but in the end Suffolk simply did not get the bid. With graduation approaching, the senior knows what she wants to pursue in the future.

"Unfortunately, I am not going to continue to play basketball competitively after college, although I will join some recreational leagues. Instead, my plans are to

continue to show my love for the game as I hope to become a sports reporter one day."

Even though Bard will not pursue a career in basketball, she will still most likely be close to the court, close to the sport that has brought her so many wonderful memories. As a hopeful sports reporter she could be reunited with her favorite sport.

"It's hard to choose one life lesson I took from playing a college sport because I learned so much! I learned that no matter what I am doing in life, to work hard to get a little bit better each day. The best competition I have is against myself to be the best person I possibly can be and never stop pushing myself."

Baseball faces tough stretch during Florida spring training

Melissa Hanson
News Editor

Disappointment was abound when the Suffolk University baseball team returned from their spring training trip in the sunshine state. After bringing home a winning record last year, the Rams fell short this season, leaving the Russ Matt Central Fla. Invitational in Auburndale with a 3-6 record.

"We started slow," said Assistant Coach Anthony Del Prete. "We lost the first five. It was kind of a rough week for us."

The team landed in Florida Wednesday, March 5, and were immediately thrown off when their Thursday practice was canceled due to rain.

Games began Friday when the Rams lost to Gwynedd Mercy. Four additional losses followed, then three victories, and one final loss to end the invitational.

"We just weren't consistent all the way through," said Del Prete. Second baseman and senior Devan Jones echoed those thoughts.

"I think we're capable of playing better than we did," said Jones, who believes the team has time to improve before their big conference games later this season.

Inconsistency poked its head into just about every game in Florida, Del Prete and Jones said. Each time on

the diamond the Rams had a poor inning where they gave up a number of runs to their opponents. In some match ups, their pitching was on point, where in others their strengths laid in batting or defense.

"It was a little disappointing," Jones said. "We're capable of what we did last year. We're just as good if not better."

He believes the team could have proved themselves more when at bat and pitching during the invitational.

"This year the schedule was tougher," said Del Prete. However, the team won't let their losses allow them to lose sight of their gains.

The first win in Florida was to Thomas More, the only team to defeat the Rams in last year's invitational. The Rams also had an impressive win against Husson, coming back in the seventh inning after blowing their lead earlier in the game, Del Prete said.

Another highlight of their stint in Florida was an excellent performance from the team's freshmen, Del Prete said.

Since the trip, the Rams have split a double header with Rhode Island College and tied a game with Wheaton College.

Del Prete said the team's main goal going forward is to improve with scoring runs.

"The object of the game is to score more runs than the other team," he said frankly.



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Jonathan Richard, pitcher